How to Find **Cheats**, **Walkthroughs**, **Hints**, and **Tips** on the Internet

Gaming Slick Tricks

Help for the frustrated gamer is available from a rich multitude of resources on the Internet. Here, we'll show you how to find cyberspace's countless veteran game players, to learn their strategies and secrets. We'll also reveal how you can overcome your worst gaming nightmares.

— Kevin M. Savetz

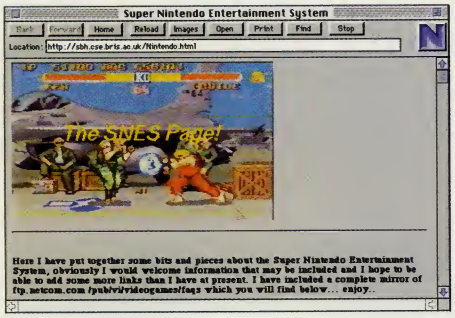
Hot Word

Easter Eggs
Widely fabled, these hidden tricks and prizes lurk in many games. They can be unlocked by code words or special joystick-keypad combinations.

So, you're fed up, are you? Can't stand to spend another sleepless night twisting anxiously amid the covers, reviewing that damned game's strategy? Are your dreams riddled with schemes about how to make it to the next level of *Lemmings*? Maybe you've even lost your job (twice) because you prefer the glowing phosphors of *Mortal Kombat* to your boss' dry assignments.

Fear Not, Help is Here

No, friends, I am not talking about some 12-step video-game addict group therapy meeting. Your salvation is actually on the Internet, which can show you how to beat, once and for all, that game haunting you. See, the Internet is home to countless veteran game players who are entrenched in the same silicon world that your soul craves. These people know how to get to level 40, beat the dragon, and find the secret pot of gold in many a virtual world.


Super Nintendo Entertainment System
The SNES Page!
Here I have put together some bits and pieces about the Super Nintendo Entertainment System, obviously I would welcome information that may be included and I hope to be able to add some more links than I have at present. I have included a complete mirror of ftp.netcom.com /pub/v/videogames/faqs which you will find below... enjoy..

Super Nintendo Entertainment System gamers can learn how to kill the last boss in *Super Bomberman*, and answer other difficult questions, at the SNES Web page.

No matter what games hold your rapt attention, there's a place on the Internet designed to offer you help. Internet aid can come in many forms: discreet hints to help you in your gameplay; not-so-discreet "cheats"; "walkthroughs" (for the severely frustrated) providing start-to-finish instructions that will show you how to survive intact; and Easter eggs. So, if you're really stuck, or just want to know whether there exists a secret way to glean extra lives from your games, read on.

Your Cheatin' Heart

The central repository for gaming information on the Internet is the Games Domain, a massive World Wide Web site designed as a central reference point for all things games-related. It specializes in gaming FAQs (frequently asked questions lists) and walkthroughs. The last time I checked, the Games Domain warehoused 90 games-related FAQs that answered nagging questions about such favorites as *7th Guest*, *Commander Keen*, *The GameBoy*, *Mortal Kombat* (yes, 1 and 2), *SimCity 2000*, *Wolfenstein 3D*, *Turbo Grafx 16*, and *Sega Master System*. The contents of a game-related FAQ list have no rhyme or reason: Maybe you'll learn technical details of the hardware or find hints on improving your gameplay, or perhaps you'll discover how to crash the darn thing altogether in a fit of frustration. Meanwhile, the subjects of the cheats on tap include everything from *Beyond Zork*, *King's Quest*, and *Leisure Suit Larry* to *Monkey Island* and the ever-popular, beautiful but ultimately frustrating *Myst*.

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Classic games — Intellivision, the Atari 2600, and the Fairchild "Channel F" — live on among afficionados of the Classic Video Games Web page.

To get to the Games Domain, point your Web browser to **http://wclrs.bham.ac.uk/GamesDomain**.

If you don't have access to the Web, don't despair. Simply Gopher to **risc.ua.edu:70/11/games/solutions**, a trove of zillions of games solutions. There you can find hints for *Ultima 6*, level codes for *Lemmings*, and the solutions for *The Incredible Machine*.

When you've exhausted these resources, burrow your gopher to the Spies in the Wire Gaming Archive **(wiretap.Spies.COM/11/game_archive/)**, where you'll find

endless cheats and hints, plus technical stuff like board pinouts and DIP switch settings for arcade games. It's way cool. The FTP site **ftp.netcom.com** also has an excellent selection of FAQs, walkthroughs, and cheats.

More, More, More

Not satisfied yet? Check out Nathan Cochrane's home page at **http://wantree.com.au:80/gamewave/**. Nathan is a freelance cyberspace communications journalist who has placed an enticing library of reviews and games-related articles on the Web. Then, move on to Cardiff's video-game pages: **http://www.cm.cf.ac.uk/Games/**. There, you will find a home page dedicated to various play-at-home game platforms, such as Sega, Nintendo, and 3DO, and gaming computers like Atari and Amiga.

If you have a GameBoy, check out **http://www.cs.umd.edu/users/fms/GameBoy/**. It contains everything you could possibly want to know about the GameBoy. Included are links to the FAQ, cheats and tips, codes, games lists, mailing lists, and lots more. The FAQ alone is worth its weight in cartridges — it has lists of GameGenie code, GameBoy games, and accessories, as well as technical information about the hardware.

Super Nintendo addicts, don't feel left out. You can check out **http://sbh.cse.bris.ac.uk/Nintendo.html**, where you'll discover everything you could ever want to know about the *Super Nintendo*.

Or, is *Doom* your destiny? Then Web over to Doomgate — the self-proclaimed "main worldwide access point for all things Doom-related that are on the Web." You'll find the best levels list, the *Doom II* secrets list, and dozens of other sources of information. It's at **http://doomgate.cs.buffalo.edu/index-html.html**.

about **DOOM**

Doom, the game that brought head-to-head network and modem play into the 21st century, is so phenomenally successful that it's beginning to spawn a whole new industry of BBSs and services tailor-made for the NetDoomer. People are realizing they can make pretty good money by simply providing an available hub, devoted to nothing but the wanton blood-lust of Deathmatch play. Many are pretty elaborate affairs, too, with libraries full of user-created levels and new editors, in addition to the promise of some bitching Deathmatch action. Look for them. Ask around on Usenet. You'll soon learn that not everyone on the Internet fights via the keyboard. Plenty of us are toting guns.

— *Matt Firme, Editor*
PC Gamer

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On Usenet

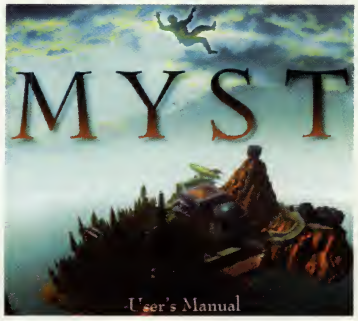
I would be remiss not to mention the copious amount of information you can find on Usenet's gaming-related newsgroups. There are countless newsgroups for discussion of games of every type (video, board, card, and otherwise).

You can find them under **alt.games** and **rec.games**. A quick tour of some of the most popular games-related newsgroups includes **alt.games.apogee**, **alt.games.doom**, **alt.games.sf2** (*Street Fighter 2*), **rec.games.bolo**, **rec.games.video.3do**, **rec.games.video.arcade**, **rec.games.video.atari**, **rec.games.video.cd32**, and **rec.games.video.nintendo**.

Not only can you find answers to specific gaming questions on newsgroups, but you'll also be able to discover expert gamers exchanging their best high scores as well as playing tips.

Games-related FAQ lists are often posted to these newsgroups, too. It's easy to spend an entire afternoon wading through the wondrous amount of information in FAQs like the **comp.sys.mac.games FAQ** (for Macintosh gamers), the **rec.games.int-fiction FAQ** (for fans of interactive fiction games), and even the **rec.games.pinball FAQ**. (Ever wonder how pinball games make that loud THWAP! sound when you win an extra game? This FAQ will tell you.)

If you can't find a newsgroup related to your diversion of choice, you can always query the newsgroups **rec.games.misc** or **alt.games**. You're sure to find other interested folks on these general interest gaming groups.



Not necessarily a gamer's game: The Games Domain also provides cheats for such mild-mannered games as the ever-lovely, ever-mysterious, and ever-frustrating *Myst*.

Mortal Kombat I and *Mortal Kombat II* fans can find move lists, hints, and cheats online through the Games Domain and **alt.games.mk**.

Long Live the Classics

If you're like me, and have a soft spot in your heart for "classic" video games — those early, and by now somewhat quaint, home video-game systems like Intellivision, the Atari 2600, and the Fairchild "Channel F" — there's also a place or two on the Internet for you. Start by checking out the newsgroups **rec.games.video.classic** and **alt.games.video.classic**.

There, you'll discover secret Easter eggs (which seem to have been more prevalent in earlier games than in today's more complex generation), game tricks, and cheats. You'll also find plenty of people buying and selling those classic systems. There's also the Classic Video Games Web page at **http://www2.ecst.csuchico.edu/~gchance/**. There, you'll find pictures and great information about long-lost systems, like the Vectrex, the Odyssey, and the Atari 5200.

No matter what your game is, you're sure to find plenty of hints, cheats, and tricks — and maybe a worthy opponent or two in the process — on the Internet. Live long and phosphor.

Address Book

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